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Media Advisory
SAPD TO PRESENT
"CITIZEN HERO AWARD"
TO 12-YEAR-OLD

Who: Chief William McManus

Rudy Avila, 12-year-old

When: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM

Where: Barkley/Ruiz Elementary School

1111 S. Navidad @ Vera Cruz

Cafeteria

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus will present 12-year-old Rudy Avila with the "Citizen Hero Award" for his actions on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800 block of Crystal, Rudy assisted police officers in pointing out a burglar he saw on the side of his house. This action allowed officers to apprehend the suspect and end a comprehensive search of the suspect.

For this, Rudy has been catapulted to "Hero" status in the eyes of San Antonio Police Chief McManus and the San Antonio Police Officers he helped.